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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, until March 28, 2002 to file the accompanying Amendment in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001, which had a three-month shortened statutory period for response which expired on February 28, 2002.

Enclosed is our firm's check No. 23083 in the amount of \$110.00 covering the two-month large-entity extension fee.

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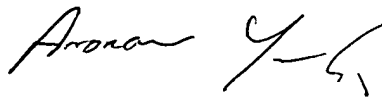
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Respectfully Submitted,

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